

(b) Upto March, 1996 an expenditure of Rs.0.60 crores has been incurred on Carriage workshop at Ajmer.

(c) The work of conversion of Ajmer Carriage workshop is likely to be completed by March, '98. The estimated POH capacity is 125 four wheeler units of JG coaches per month. The proposed capacity of Ajmer Loco workshop is estimated to be 400 four wheeler units of POH of RG wagons per month.

(d) Sufficient funds are being allocated for expediting the conversion work.

[English]

Push Pull Trains

728. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the number of Push Pull train along with their routes, introduced by the Southern Railway so far;

(b) whether Push Pull trains are proposed to be introduced on any other sections in Kerala; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) At present, 29 Push Pull trains are running on Southern Railway in the following routes.

- (i) Bangalore-Mysore
- (ii) Bangalore-Tumkur-Arsikere
- (iii) Bangalore-Yelhanka
- (iv) Ernakulam-Alleppey-Kayamkulam
- (v) Ernakulam-Kottayam-Kayamkulam-Quilon
- (vi) Ernakulam-Trichur-Guruvayur

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) Does not arise

Stoppage at Asansol

729. SHRI HARADHAN ROY Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to provide the stoppage of 2301/2302 at Asansol and to run it daily instead of five days a week;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Operational and resource constraints.

Food in Shatabdi Express

730. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the menu of refreshment and food served in Shatabdi Express running between Delhi and Bhopal has not been changed for the last three or four years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). No, Sir. Items of refreshment, breakfast and food service in the menu are rotated from time to time.

Kolhapur-Ratnagiri-Belgaum

731. SHRI UDAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any requests to connect Kolhapur with Ratnagiri and Belgaum have been made;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some decision to undertake survey of these areas has been undertaken in March-April, 1996.

(d) whether some initial work has since been started in the matter;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) to (e) A survey for new BG rail line from Kolhapur to Ratnagiri on Konkan Railway via Talwade, has been taken up

(f) Does not arise

Crimes in Trains

732. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether looting incidents in trains have increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the total number of FIRs lodged/registered and the number of persons arrested during the said period, State-wise;

(c) whether two women were raped by the armed miscreants while looting the Ranchi-Lohardagga train on June 23, 1996;

(d) if so, whether an FIR has been lodged/registered at Piskangri Police Station in this regard;